

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

PROTESTANT MEMORIAL MEDICAL)
CENTER, INC., d/b/a/ MEMORIAL)
HOSPITAL,)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

CENTERS for MEDICARE and)
MEDICAID SERVICES,)
and BARRY S. MARAM,)

Defendants.)

Civil No. 05-003-DRH

ORDER

PROUD, Magistrate Judge:

Before the Court is plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Conduct Expedited Discovery Pursuant to Rule 26(d). (**Doc. 11**). Defendants Illinois Department of Public Aid and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have filed responses in opposition. (**Docs. 17 and 19**).

Plaintiff seeks leave to conduct expedited discovery. **Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(d)** provides that, without leave of court, a party may not conduct discovery until the parties have held their Rule 26(f) conference. The parties held their Rule 26(f) conference on March 25, 2005. **See, Doc. 50, p. 7**. Therefore, the motion is moot.

Upon consideration and for good cause shown plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Conduct Expedited Discovery Pursuant to Rule 26(d) (**Doc. 11**) is **DENIED**. Plaintiff's Motion for Oral Argument (**Doc. 12**) is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: September 27, 2005.

s/ Clifford J. Proud
CLIFFORD J. PROUD
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE